

Assembly Bill No. 1436

CHAPTER 233

An act to add Section 66020.5 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary educational institutions.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1436, Portantino. Postsecondary educational institutions: meetings: live audio transmission.

Existing law, intended to strengthen existing accountability requirements, requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission, each November 15, to submit a higher education report to the Legislature and the Governor that provides information to the citizens of the state on the significant indicators of performance of the public colleges and universities.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary organization, to provide for live audio transmission of all meetings, which are open to the public pursuant to specified law, through a technology that is accessible to as large a segment of the public as possible. This bill would also request the Regents of the University of California to comply with these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 66020.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66020.5. (a) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary organization established pursuant to Section 69522, shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, provide for live audio transmission of all meetings, which are open to the public pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), through a technology that is accessible to as large a segment of the public as possible, including, but not necessarily limited to, the use of either of the following technologies:

(1) Cable, satellite, over-the-air, or any other type of transmission that can be accessed through a television.

(2) Web cast, in which case notice of meetings that are open to the public and links to the Web cast shall be easily accessible via each entity's Internet Web site.

(b) It is not a violation of this section if technical failures prevent an entity from providing a live audio transmission so long as the entity exercised reasonable diligence in making a live audio transmission available.